

North Carolina Association of Rescue & EMS

Board of Directors Meeting

Asheville NC

Minutes for

May 14, 2016

Call to Order:

Welcome: Commander Terry Foxx

Invocation: Bob Twomey

Adoption Order of Business: Motion by Glen Cowan, second by Vince Stone, to approve as presented. Motion passed.

Minutes: Motion by Glen Cowan, second by Vince Stone to approve Directors Meeting minutes from 16 January 2016 as presented.

Recognition of Guest: Shawn Haynes; OSFM, Wayne Bailey; OSFM, Allen Johnson; NCOEMS, Tom Mitchell, Chief; NCOEMS

Roll Call: 8 Directors, 1 Past Commanders, Commander, Vice Commander, Executive Director, Executive Director Emeritus

Old Business:

Agency Reports:

OEMS Report - Tom Mitchell, Chief:

This is my first official meeting as Chief of OEMS. I look forward to working with each of you as we move forward.

The Asst. Chief position that I vacated has been posted, interviewed and recommendation approved. An announcement will be made on Monday (16th) to staff and the EMS community.

As far as items that need to be mentioned;

EMS Week is scheduled to begin on Sunday (May 15th – 21st). This is a special week that is set aside to recognize the efforts of Rescue/EMS Workers across the country.

Please take the opportunity to thank your fellow workers for what they do for you and

their community. The Governor signed a proclamation yesterday declaring EMS Week. We will be distributing that information on all stakeholders and EMS agencies.

Community Paramedicine Pilot Project – The pilot is moving forward with the three (3) recipients of the funding; New Hanover, Wake and McDowell. A request to extend the funding/reporting has been forwarded to the department for inclusion in the upcoming budget. This was in both the Governor's & House's budget thus-far. The new language would allow funding to continue through the '16-'17 fiscal year, with the final report being due to the oversight committee on March 1, 2017.

A meeting was held with Secretary Brajer on Wednesday (5/11) to discuss how EMS would be affected by Medicaid Reform. This meeting was intended to include Association of EMS Administrators, OEMS, and Association of Rescue and EMS. The request was to develop an allowable billing code for 3 services provided by Rescue/EMS; 1) Treat/No Transport (has been paid in the past, but not since Feb. '16 Medicaid State Plan Update. 2) Treat/Release, 3) Treat/Alternative Destination. This would allow Rescue/EMS an incentive to assist in keeping people out of Emergency Departments, etc. This was well-received by the Secretary, and the Medicaid Transformation Team. More information to come, as the conversations progress further.

Relocation of the Eastern Regional Office to GTP (Kinston)

EM Today (Sept. 30th – Oct. 5th) Early Bird Registration will open on June 1st.

DNR/MOST Forms

Rules Update – Rules are going before Medical Care Commission on May 19 & 20 to get permission to enter into rule-making. If approved, proposed rules will be published in the register for public comment. Proposed implementation date will either be late 2016 or January 2017.

OSFM - Wayne Bailey:

- Certification Programs Update:
- TR Program – Technical Rescuer, TR-Vehicle, TR Confined Space, Trench, Structural Collapse, Water Rescue, and Wilderness are live. TR Ag will end on 6-30-2016, TR Machine Rescue will start on July 1, 2016.
- Mobile Water Supply Certification – To be developed and added to the Driver Operator Certifications – expect rollout with Driver Operator Re-qualifications in late 2016.
- Fire Investigation Technician – Pilots have been completed, this certification will start July 1, 2016. This program will not be released to the delivery agencies.

- Rapid Intervention Crews- All previous RIT instructors will be allowed to teach RIC in July but to continue teaching will be required to take the RIC Upgrade that should be delivered before Jan 2017. Safety and Survival and Mayday in the FF program will be crossed over to the new RIC.
- Instructor Qualification Changes – Note: Changes become effective July 1st, 2016
- No change to the Instructor I and II certification process
 - i. Must still be certified in FF or TR or FLSE for three years for Instructor I
 - ii. Must still be certified in FF or TR or FLSE for five years for Instructor II
- The two year apprenticeship period after Instructor II Certification will be dropped
- A NC Qualification Indoctrination Class (6 hours) will be required prior to attending a Qualification School or Field Tested Qualification
- Only three years of certification will be required before being eligible for Qualification in the following areas:
 - i. Firefighter
 - ii. Technical Rescuer and TR-Vehicle (all other specialties will remain five years)
 - iii. Driver Operator (EVD, Pumps, Aerials, Mobile Water Supply)
 - iv. Hazmat Level I Responder and Level I Mission Specifics
 - v. FLSE I, II, III
- All other fields will remain at five years (one exception is Instructor I&II (to be able to teach educational methodology) which requires 10 years)
- Qualification School versus Field Tested Qualifications
- The following areas can currently be tested at Qualification School:
 - Firefighter
 - TR-Vehicle
 - FLSE I, II, III
 - Driver Operator (EVD, Pumps, Aerials)
 - Fire Officer I, II, III
 - Instructor I&II
 - Rescue Officer

- All other qualification areas must be field tested and scheduled through the training division
- i. Link to scheduled qualifications: http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Fire_Rescue_Training/Default.aspx?field1=Fire_and_Rescue_Training_Schedule
- ii. Link to request classes: http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Fire_Rescue_Training/Default.aspx?field1=Fire_and_Rescue_Training_Request
- Indoc Classes- Indoc Class dates have been posted, this is a reminder that any instructor not holding a current qualification will be required to complete the Indoc class prior to registering for Q School or a Field Tested Qualification.
- http://www.ncdoi.com/OSFM/Fire_Rescue_Training/Default.aspx?field1=Fire_and_Rescue_Training_Schedule

NC Treasurer Office - Joel Faircloth:

- Legislation is being introduced so that the spouse may collect pension payments in the event of a Line of Duty Death.
- The state budget adjustments for the second year on includes \$15 million for the ARC, but needs to be at \$17 million.
- The Treasurer technical corrections bill contains language for pension buy back time and how that process and calculation would work. Basically putting into statute current practice.

Boards & Commission Reports:

Fire & Rescue Commission - Robert Poe

NC Fire and Rescue Commission Meeting April 12, 2016

- CFI Board member and Chair, Henry Sermons resigned due to health reasons
- Lee Newlan was appointed by Chairman Cook to replace Mr Sermons
- Kevin Gordon gave a report from the Certification Board
 - Technical Rescuer (Machinery / Ag) New course will go live July 1, 2016.
 - Instructor qualification course will be presented between April 1 and June 30.
 - New course hours are 36 to 48
- The F & R Commission heard comments from representatives from Fayetteville Tech concerning their suspension. A person from the North Carolina AG's office as well as the college president and dean of con-ed spoke. A motion was made and passed to issue a letter of warning
- There were 2 LODD since our last meeting
- 2015 data collection is finished. There were 907,805 incidents reported with 91% of departments reporting
- Fire reporting is to go live July 1. Beta testing begins May 1
- Fire and Rescue Pension changes. Spouse will get paid if member dies

Fire & Rescue Commission-Certification Board - Terry Foxx:

- Certification Board met March 08, 2016 at Rowan Cabarrus Community College.
- The discipline committee has been changed to professional standards committee was changed to a smaller group and the full board will hear cases.
- Currently the TR Rewrites are complete and the revised program, Technical Rescuer goes into effect January 1, 2016. The current Ag Rescue program will end June 30, 2016 and will be combined with Machinery beginning July 01, 2016.
- The Fire Investigator is in pilot continuing development.
- The Certification Board policies are being updated to be more in line with the Fire & Rescue Commission policies.
- Hybrid Committee continues to work on programs that can be delivered through on-line class.
- 2-3 Delivery agency were approved.
- December 31, 2017 is cut off for TR Ropes.
- The next meeting will be held on June 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury.

EMS Advisory Council - Robert Poe:

NC EMS Advisory Council Meeting February 2016

- Elections were held for Chair and Vice-Chair: Mr Graham Previer was re-elected Chair and Dr Nick Benson was re-elected Vice-Chair
- Motion was made and passed to add recommendations to secure weapons on an EMS vehicle will be added to the EMS System requirements rules and to be governed by the individual system
- Dr Bill Atkinson will rejoin the Advisory Council
- Dr Nick Benson will continue on the Advisory Council moving to fill Bob Baileys recently vacated position
- Other reappointments to the Council are Mr Todd Baker, Ms Lynn Norwood, Dr Jeff Williams, Mr Jim Gusler, Mr Kevin Staley, Mr Graham Previer
- Mr Previer reappointed Robert Poe as Chair of the Compliance and Education Committee and Dr Kim Askew was appointed Chair for the Injury Committee
- Reports were given from each committee Chair to the full Council . On behalf of the Injury Prevention Committee, Ms Amy Douglas reported that Carolinas Health System Cleveland be approved for Level III trauma center and Moses Cone Memorial be redesignated a Level I trauma center.
- I reported on the Education and Compliance Committee. There were 296 applicants for the national criminal background review. 25 complaints to the agency. Mr Joel Faircloth was reappointed to the Disciplinary Committee. Presentations are being called for EM Today 2016. This will be held on September 30 – October 5
- Mr Wally Ainsworth reported on the additions of weapons plan added to Section .0201 and .0216 which address weapons and explosives found in possession of a patient on ambulances and how to secure a weapon on a ambulance and who can have a weapon on a unit.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed to support the rules as presented.

- Mr Will Ray provided the Council with a update Healthcare Preparedness Response and Recovery
- Mr Todd Messer gave a presentation on EMT programs in public schools.
- Emergency Medical Technology I and II are offered. The programs are 135 hours each. EMT-I begins in the fall and EMT-II begins in the spring. Todd went over the funding for the program and the student requirements. Currently there are 41 High School Public Safety Academies. 32 Firefighter, 4 EMT and 7 Fire / EMT programs
- Dr Winslow gave the Medical Directors update. Several items are being reviewed, EMT-B can perform Blind Insertion Airway Device
- Pediatric Intubations are being evaluated. A statewide online educational component is being developed from EMSC on pediatric intubations
- The NC Chapter of EMS Physicians is working on an online Capnography Equipment Failure video.
- Tom Mitchell gave a OEMS update.
- Tom introduced Mark Payne DHSR Assistant Secretary for Audit and DHSR.
- No OEMS Chief has been named yet
- NC Legislature approved \$350,000.00 for pilot Community Paramedicine Program
- New Hanover Regional EMS was awarded \$210,000.00. Wake County and McDowell County EMS were chosen to receive the remainder of the \$140,000.00. The overall goal is to produce results that will allow OEMS to encourage the Legislature to provide further funding for Community Paramedicine statewide.
- Office space merger for the Eastern Regional Office and NC Emergency Management office should become effective the end of May.

OEMS Advisory Council Meeting May 2016

- Chair Graham Previer presented past OEMS Chief Regina Crawford a plaque for her service to the Advisory Council and the citizens of North Carolina
- Ms Amy Douglas reported for the Injury Committee. Duke University Hospital and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center were both renewed Level I trauma centers
- I reported from the Education and Compliance Committee for the time period of February 1 to April 30
 - 309 applicants completed the National Criminal Background Review
 - The Agency received 19 formal complaints
 - The disciplinary Committee reviewed 15 cases
 - OEMS issued 3508 credentials through initial and con-ed education
 - Registration for the NC Paramedic Competition is now open
 - EM Today will be September 30 – October 5
- Chief Tom Mitchell discussed briefly that after 10 years of a person being on the Sex Offender Registry a person can petition to be removed. If a person wishes to do this they can request to be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee on a case by case basis.
- Process is ongoing to fill the assistant Chief position
- Community Paramedicine Project ends June 30 2016. There is a proposal to extend this thru June 30 , 2017

- Proposed rules are going to the Medical Care Commission May 20. After approval by Medical Care commission they will be published for comment
- Dr Winslow gave the NC Medical Directors update
 - 119 Protocol Procedure updates
 - 2 new Medical Directors
 - Antibiotic have been being administered by MEDIC for open fractures and may be opened up for Paramedic services to start in the future

Fire & Rescue Pension Fund Advisory - Debbie Poe:

- Annual meeting scheduled Jun 03, 2016 nothing new to report.

Stroke Advisory Council - Tom Mitchell, Chief OEMS:

- They have an upcoming meeting in June and hopes to have something to report at the next meeting.

Volunteer Safety Workers Comp Fund-Joel Faircloth:

- Funding has stabilized coming from the state.
- Claims are down. Please remind folks about safety.
- Renewals starting July 2016 will be at current rates.

911 Board - Jimmy Stewart - (No Report)

Association Committee Reports:

Advisory Committee - Bob Twomey:

- Nothing to report.

BLS Competition Committee - William Mauney / Allen Johnson:

- Problems being worked on and getting ready for competition.

Constitution Committee - Glen Cowan:

- Nothing to report.

Credentials Committee - Jerry Bradshaw:

- Area 1-15 with the exception of Area 3 and 13, current directors are the only ones that have submitted resumes. Motion to reappoint those currently serving and submitted resumes, David Stamey, second Tim Pennell, Motion Passed.
- Area 13 current director Kevin Gordon has not resubmitted but a someone has contacted the office for information regarding requirements.
- Area 3 have 2 that have submitted for the position. Brian Wade and Melinda Ward. Brian was elected by secret ballot.

Finance Committee - Joel Faircloth (for Gary Whitman):

- Motion from committee to approve financial statements as presented; association, brotherhood, and memorial fund, second Bob Twomey, Motion passed. Relief Fund financial statement presented for information.
- Motion from committee to reduce brotherhood benefit to \$5000 because of drop in membership, second Vince Stone, Motion passed.
- Motion from committee to approve budget, including pay scales, office reorganization, and salary increases, second Jerry Bradshaw, Motion passed.

Personnel Committee - Joel Faircloth (for Jeff Hinshaw):

- Motion from the committee to move forward with office reorganization plan, new hire, and future planning, second Bob Twomey, Motion passed.

Rescue Competition Committee - Tim Pennell:

- 2017 all rescue judges will be required to requalify.
- Site visit has been made and coordinating with convention center staff.
- Motion from the committee to have Junior Rescue competition with teams consisting of 2-4 members and 14-17 years of age, second Vince Stone, Motion passed.

Standards & Training Committee - Terry Foxx:

- Committee will further look in to the Rescue Resource Provider and complete updating of the standards.

Roster Statistics

Date: 2016-05-13

Count of members on a single roster	23472	
Count of members on more than a single roster		4356
Total distinct members on rosters	27828	
Total roster entries	34357	
Average number of rosters/individual	1.235	
Number of squads with rosters on file	657	
Average number of individuals/squad roster	52.29	
Brotherhood Memberships		
BH Members on Departments	5359	
BH Members on Aux Departments	146	
BH Members Individual	675	
Total BH Membership	6180	

Squad/Department Joined

01/15/2016-05/13/2016

2016-01-24 N. W. VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT INC LELAND

2016-02-20 FALLSTON COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
FALSTON

2016-02-21 THE PINEVILLE-MORROW VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT and RESCUE
PINEVILLE

2016-02-28 THANKSGIVING FIRE DEPARTMENT INCORPORATED
SELMA

2016-03-03 JUNALUSKA COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
LAKE JUNALUSKA

2016-03-05 SPRING CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
HOT SPRINGS

2016-03-06 QUEHEEL FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT
MAXTON

2016-04-21 MACON COUNTY EMS
FRANKLIN

2016-05-05 SAINT PAULS FIRE DEPARTMENT
ST PAULS

Departments Closed
01/15/2016-05/13/2016

2016-01-29 TYRRELL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC C0320

Memorial Committee - Bill Henderson:

- Working to update drawings and establishing the memorial.

Relief Fund Board - Joel Faircloth:

- Scholarships are in and will be announced May 15, 2016. Everyone that applied will receive an email as well as the winners will be posted on line.
- Relief Fund money was in continuation review. The General Government recommended to continue funding.

Convention Committee - Terry Foxx:

- Robert and Debbie Poe will co-chair.
- Convention will be in Hickory NC at the Hickory Metro Convention Center September 8-10, 2016.

New Business:

(No New Business)

Next Meeting Dates:

- September 9-10, 2016, Hickory Metro Convention Center.

Adjourn:

Motion by Bob Twomey to adjourn, second Vince Stone, motion passed.

Author:

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Executive Director

Not official until approved by the Board of Directors.